1. NOVs Hit a New Low

Navy's open Notices of Violations (NOVs) dropped dramatically in the first half of FY 1999 to hit its lowest level since the data collection started! More than 115 NOVs were resolved in the first six months of the fiscal year. Navy has only 58 outstanding NOVs remaining. Congratulations to those of you who worked with the activities and made this happen! RADM Andy Granuzzo, N45, said "This is great news for the Navy. Now we need to close the remaining NOVs, and tackle any new ones fast." Keep up the good work!

- 2. Natural Resource Update from CNO N45D
- a. Special Earth Day Event

A special Earth Day event was held at the Navy Recreation Center, Solomons, MD on 19 April 1999 in recognition of work recently done there to correct shoreline erosion. Over 2,000 feet of eroding shoreline is now being controlled using a system of off-shore breakwaters, beach nourishment, bank grading, and marsh grass planting. The project is helping to protect important real estate interests, providing increased recreational opportunities, improving shallow water fish habitat, and controlling significant amounts of sediment that would otherwise end up in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The Solomons restoration project is a success story and exemplifies the Navy's commitment to supporting our nation's clean water goals.

b. Draft EO to Protect Migratory Birds

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pursuing a draft Executive Order titled: "Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds" to provide guidance to Federal agencies on conservation measures that can be employed to minimize the impacts of their activities on migratory birds. There is a general feeling that Federal agencies are confused over their responsibilities, if any, under the Migratory Bird treaty Act. [Last year the Department of Justice opinioned that the MBTA (enacted in 1918) did not apply to Federal agencies.] Navy does not feel that this EO is necessary and prefers to support

migratory bird protection via the NEPA process or by entering into a MOU with USFWS.

3. Sewage Savvy Saves Big Bucks

Navy and the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Authorities (AMSA) signed a joint policy recently to treat shipboard wastewater the same as domestic wastewater rather than industrial waste - an accord that has the potential of huge cost savings for Navy. This agreement was reached after Navy proved that the trace metals in ship wastewater is from ship plumbing system corrosion, just like the plumbing in houses.

4. Whidbey Island Honored Nationally for Recycling

The Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA, recycling program recently received Recycling At Work's Leadership Award. Recycling At Work is a national organization that recognizes environmental excellence. The awards are co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The program processes more than 50 commodities, including paper products, metals, plastics, glass, pallets, and automotive products. The program grew from a four percent recycling rate in 1990 to 60 percent in 1998. Cash generated from recycling last year was \$1.2 million and an estimated \$5 million was saved in disposal fees and purchases.

The head of Whidbey Island's recycling program was also recognized last month by the State of Washington for his work in recycling and solid waste management.

5. CNO Announces Community Service Environmental Awards

The Chief of Naval Operations announced the winners of FY 1998's Navy Community Service Program (NCSP) Environmental Stewardship Awards. These awards are given to commands that sponsor farreaching volunteer environmental programs within their community. They are:

- Small Shore (Tie): NR AD-41 USS YELLOWSTONE DET 21 and Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, Jacksonville, FL.
- Honorable Mention for Small Shore: Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Puget Sound, WA
- Medium Shore: Trident Training Facility, Bangor, WA
- Large Shore: Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA
- Honorable Mention for Large Shore: Naval Station, San Diego, CA
- Small Sea: Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Five Eight,

Jacksonville, FL

- Medium Sea (Tie): USS STETHEM (DDG 63) and USS RAINIER (AOE 7)
- Large Sea: USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)
- Small Overseas: U.S. Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography

Center West/Joint Typhoon Warning Center West, Guam

- Large Overseas: U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

The Navy holds its NCSP awards competition annually. For more information about the Environmental Stewardship Program, call (703) 604-1421.

6. NELP Guide Available

The Navy Environmental Leadership Program (NELP) Naval Air Station North Island guide, which provides project summaries and technical detail on more than 90 NELP initiatives in environmental cleanup, compliance, conservation, pollution prevention, information technology, and partnerships, is now available.

For a hardcopy or CD-ROM call (619) 524-6357. Updates will be available on the NELP Web Site, http://nelp.navy.mil.

- 7. Conferences: Further information on the following upcoming conferences can be found on the N45 Conference website at http://web.dandp.com/n45/conferences.
- a. The 1999 Navy/Marine Corps Water Program Managers' Meeting will be held 18-20 May 1999 at the Admiral Kidd Conference Center in San Diego, CA
- b. The 1999 Navy/Marine Corps Clean Air Act Conference will be held on 29 June 1 July 1999 at the New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA.
- c. The 1999 Navy Pollution Prevention (P2) Conference will be held 27-29 July 1999 at the Ritz-Carlton in Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia.